(a) what action has been taken by the Government with reference to the motion passed at the Budget Session of 1103 to throw open the Maharaja's College Hostels to all classes of students and be made cosmopolitan ;

(b) whether the Government have considered this question since the passing of the above motion ; and if so,

(c) what is the decision arrived at ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a), (b) and (c). Vide answer to sub-division 1 of question No. 274 of the Kumbham sitting of the Council.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Kumbham sitting of what year?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Kumbham sitting of this Council.

Kattakampal Panchayat.

531. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Kattakampal Panchayat is now functioning, i. e., in Makaram 1104 ;

(b) who is exercising the civil jurisdiction conferred upon the Panchayat ;

(c) who are the present elected and nominated members of the Panchayat ;

(d) when did the last election take place ; and on what date the nomination of the members was over ; if the answer to question (a) is in the negative ;

(e) how long it has been since the Panchayat has ceased to function ;

(f) what arrangement has been made for executing the items of work for which grants have been provided in the budget for the current year ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) No.

(b) None.

(c) The results of the election have not been notified in the Gazette and the nomination of members is not yet over.

(d) On 17th Mithunam 1103. For the 2nd part of the question vide answer (c) above.

(e) Since 2nd Edavam 1103.

(f) The works will be got done through contract agency under departmental supervision.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to sub-division (c) of my question, who are the present elected members of the Panchayat? I find that it has not been answered.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—You find that it is answered.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The answer is not to my question. My question is who are the present elected members.

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Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The names of the elected members appeared even in the last Gazette.

President.—You have notified their names in the Gazette ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know the names ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—From the question it would seem that he wants to know the names of the elected members when the question was put.

President.—When was the question put ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not know. From the question it would appear that the Member wants to know the names of those who were sitting at the time when the question was put.

President.—But then there might have been an election afterwards.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Even then, they would become members of Panchayat only after their names are notified in the Gazette and they themselves have taken their seats.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—The results of the election were published on 17th Meenam 1104.

President.—Is there any notification about this in the last Gazette ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

President.—Are you sure that it was notified ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—That is the information supplied to me by my Head Clerk to-day.

President.—The information can be supplied after the Gazette is got down.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether I will be allowed to refer to this question again ?

President.—Yes. Are there other points on which you want information ?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Yes. There are other points.

President.—Is this a difficult Panchayat like the Vellatanjur, Kariyannur or Mala Panchayat ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No.

President.—So there was nothing out of the way, then ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There was an election complaint.

President.—I had no occasion to know much about this Kattakampal Panchayat.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I shall supply the information afterwards.

President.—Election and nomination are over

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Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Election is over; but the names of the nominated members have been submitted to Government for sanction.

President.—So the result of the election has been notified?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes. The information is here. The names of the elected members are:—

1. C. Mathew Techan.
2. C. Cherukutti Verghese.
3. P. M. Varuthappan.
4. P. Taru Vareed.
5. T. Iyyukutti Chummar

President.—What about nomination?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Nomination papers have been submitted to Government for sanction and sanction is awaited. Nominations have not been notified.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Does a Panchayat elect only five members?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The number is seven.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Why then only five have been elected?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The number seven includes five elected and two nominated.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—When was the result of the election published in the Gazette?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Gazette, dated 24th Meenam 1104.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the reason for not publishing the result of the election for so many months?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There were disputes about the election.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What were the disputes?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is not a supplementary question, Sir.

President.—Why don't you treat it as a supplementary question?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The Hon'ble Member said that there were disputes; I want to know what the disputes were.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What was the arrangement made by the Government to do the work entrusted to that Panchayat?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is given there in the answer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Whether any work has been done so far?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I think some works have been d one.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What are the items of work completed?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Whether all works entrusted to the Panchayat will be completed during this year?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I think so.

President.—Attempts will be made to complete the works during this year.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What was the reason for the delay in publishing the names of the nominated members?

President.—They are under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the names of the nominated members been sent up to the Government?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—When were they submitted?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—On 3rd Meenam 1104.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Who is exercising the Civil Jurisdiction of the Panchayat now?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—None

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How should the people of these villages do the work allotted to that Panchayat?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Matters will have to lie over till the formation of the new Panchayat.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—If there are disputes in the Panchayat, has not the Government power to substitute some one in the Panchayat as they have done in the Municipal Council in Cochin?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—So far as I am aware, Government have no such powers under the Panchayat Regulation.

Akkikavu—Palanji road.

532. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what steps have been taken since the last meeting (held in December, 1928) of the Legislative Council to repair the Akkikkavu-Palanji road ;

(b) when will the work be completed according to the present arrangement;

(c) how many months have elapsed since the amount necessary for this work has been sanctioned by the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The original contract was cancelled and the Chief Engineer asked to make arrangements for the completion of the work otherwise.

(b) It is hoped to be completed by the end of this year.

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